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Powers Had Orders To Confess, U.S. Says

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Washington, May 15 (UPI). — George V. Allen, director of the U. S. Information Agency, said today pilot Francis G Powers of the ill-fated U-2 spy plane was under orders to admit his intelligence role if captured by the Russians.

Allen conceded one of the "very difficult problems" raised by the incident was the effect on free world nations with U. S. air bases inside their borders. In the future, he said, "these Allies will be much more concerned" about U. S. planes taking off from such bases.

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Allen also belittled speculation that Premier Khrushchev might try to stage a propaganda coup by turning Powers over to U. S. authorities at the summit meeting.

He predicted on the TV program College News Conference that Khrushchev will hold Powers "close to his chest for a while." He said that about all this country can do is to try to see to it that Powers gets a fair trial.

There are many different definitions of spying, Allen said, and he didn't want to quibble. But, he said, "I do think we ought to point this out:

"When (Powers) went down, he told exactly what his mission was, exactly what he was expected to do. And he was under instructions to do that . . . He gave an honest report of what his mission was, and I think that ought to be realized by everybody concerned."